



SEC, Big Ten teams lead the 10 toughest college football schedules

SPORTS, 1B

Herald Times Reporter

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025 | HTRNEWS.COM

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK



Every state has its own transportation agency that handles driver's licensing, so standardizing laws for new drivers isn't as easy as it sounds – even if some safety advocates find the inconsistency alarming. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Many states enact tougher requirements for new drivers

Terry Collins
USA TODAY

A new wave of state laws is enforcing stricter requirements for new drivers, but states still can't agree on how much practice is needed. • While most states have some form of graduated driver's licensing laws, ranging from as low as 20 and as high as 70 supervised hours, more states are looking into adopting tougher mandates for young people, said Jonathan Adkins, CEO of the Governors Highway Safety Association, a Washington, DC-based nonprofit.

Florida, Washington and New Jersey tightened up requirements for new drivers in 2025, but even these new laws have inconsistent requirements. The new laws come as some traffic safety advocates say the United States would benefit from more uniform laws on the topic. "There should be a national law for teen drivers," said Cheryl Giles, the longtime owner of Lakeland Atlantic Driving School in Winter Haven, Florida, which conducts about 1,000 student driving tests annually. "We desperately need some consistency." Meanwhile, motor vehicle crashes continue to be among the leading causes of death for teens in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Teen drivers also face a disproportionately higher risk of crashes in comparison with older drivers, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports. "I would call it an epidemic right now, and we all

See DRIVER LAWS, Page 2A

"Whether you are in Virginia, Florida, Utah or even in the most rural parts of the country, the roads can be very dangerous places, especially when you don't fully understand the dangers of driving."

Tammy Gweedo McGee
Safe driving advocate

Flying out of WI soon?

You can bring a live lobster along

Jenna Prestininzi
and Mariyam Muhammad

Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK – WISCONSIN

If you're planning to fly out of one of Wisconsin's airports this fall, you may want to leave your cordless hair care tools at home — they're banned from checked baggage. The Transportation Security Administration banned three types of cordless hair care tools from packed luggage on flights, though they're allowed in carry-ons with safety covers, according to the TSA banned items list. Check TSA's website for a look at the complete list of allowed and banned items for your next flight. Here's what to know about prohibited items and some oddities that are allowed.

What items are now banned from checked luggage?

TSA now prohibits three kinds of cordless hair tools in checked luggage because they may contain potentially hazardous materials, such as gas cartridges and butane, that are banned by TSA. If TSA finds the banned items in your checked bags, your luggage will be taken away. The Federal Aviation Administration says that these kinds of cordless hair tools are banned, according to TheStreet: • Cordless curling irons or flatirons containing gas cartridges • Butane-fueled curling irons or flat irons • Gas refills (spare cartridges) for curling irons or flat irons

Where can you pack the cordless hair products?

The three cordless hair products are allowed in your carry-on bags as long as they are in their original retail packaging. See FLYING, Page 2A

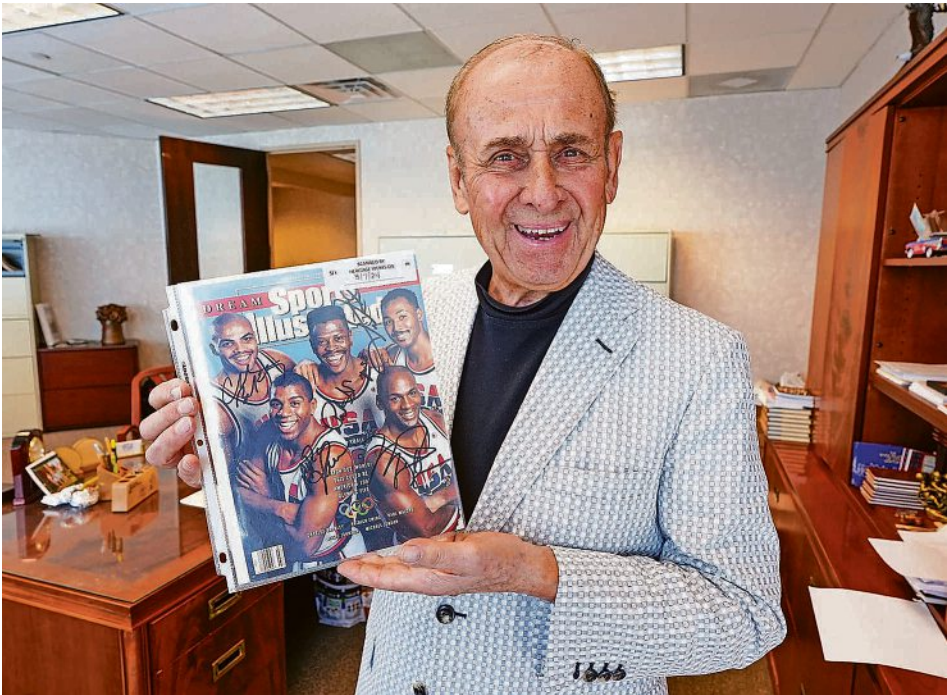
Collector compiles a history of handwriting

Neal Rubin
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

DETROIT – There's still a lot of little kid in Jack Krasula when it comes to autographs. The difference now is that he has broader horizons, and there's no grumpy nun smacking his hand with a ruler. Maybe she'd have been less judgmental back in third grade if she'd known he would someday own a letter from the father of our country, thanking a Frenchman for a compliment. Or that Krasula is working on a way to show his astonishing collection to the world, free of charge. "The George Washington letter," said Krasula, and you can track his voice rising to an exclamation point. "That's 240 years old, that piece of paper – 1785!"

Yes. And there's Thomas Jefferson from 1806, and Abraham Lincoln from 1865, only two and a half months before he was shot. And sports stars and Mahatma Gandhi and Florence Nightingale and more than 20,000 other pieces, and with them, a question: What's to become of it all? Krasula, closing on 77, never had kids. The Michigander is married – he and Pamela Good, founder of the literacy nonprofit Beyond Basics, just celebrated their first anniversary – but the collection is his passion, not hers. There's a value to what he has accumulated that goes beyond what its parts

See HANDWRITING, Page 4A



Jack Krasula shows a signed magazine cover of the Dream Team, the 1992 U.S. Olympic Men's Basketball team. Krasula has amassed a sprawling collection of autographs. KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Subscriber-only eNewspaper

The eNewspaper is an electronic copy of your print newspaper. Enjoy every page by going to htrnews.com/enewspaper or scan this code on your mobile device. You will also find late news and sports in the bonus sections. Check it out today!



Volume 55 | No. 198
Subscribe 877-424-5044
©2025 \$2.50

